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***E-News for the Week: December 2,  
2016...***

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## RECENT LEGISLATION

### City Launches "Safe Sidewalks LA" Sidewalk Repair Program...

This week, The City of Los Angeles launched "Safe Sidewalks LA" Sidewalk Repair Warranty and Sidewalk Repair Incentive Program. The comprehensive 30-year sidewalk repair program provides an unprecedented City investment of \$1.4 billion to fix its sidewalks, making them accessible to everyone and renewing them as a center of civic life and pride.



The program was unanimously approved by City Council after nearly three years of public dialogue, led by the Council's Budget and Finance and Public Works and Gang Reduction Committees in collaboration with the Mayor's Office, and bolstered by input from hundreds of residents from across the City. Safe Sidewalks LA is spearheaded by the City's Bureau of Engineering in close coordination with many departments and agencies, notably the Department on Disability, which will play a vital role in the program's implementation.

While repairs surrounding City facilities, such as fire stations, police stations, parks, libraries and recreation centers, are currently in progress, this next phase is an expansion of the repair program that will address broken sidewalks and will prioritize repair requests from people with disabilities, their families and caretakers. Through a cost-sharing initiative, this next phase will also offer a limited number of rebates to property owners who are willing to fix their own sidewalks.

Specifically, Safe Sidewalks LA includes:

- **Rebate Program:** A limited-time rebate for eligible property owners willing to pay for their own sidewalk repairs and get them fixed in an accelerated time. Owners can receive up to \$2,000 for a residential lot or \$4,000 for a commercial lot. The rebate program will be available for three years.
- **Access Request Program:** Gives priority repair requests to people with a mobility disability who encounter physical barriers due to broken sidewalks, missing curb ramps or other barriers in the public right of way.
- The program also gives community members the ability to report a sidewalk in need of repair.

To submit a sidewalk repair request, go to [www.sidewalks.lacity.org](http://www.sidewalks.lacity.org) or call 3-1-1.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

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### LAPD Devonshire PALS 32nd Annual Holiday Toy Drive...

CD 12 is proud to support two toy drives for underserved youth in our community. Both [LAPD Devonshire PALS](#) and the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission are seeking gifts for children this holiday

season. Toys should be new and unwrapped and appropriate for children ages 2-18. Suggested items for kids include: Legos, sports equipment, art supplies, remote control cars, and crafts. Suggested items for teens include: sports equipment, scarves, hats, purses, jewelry, socks, sweatshirts, tote bags, and gift cards.



Both organizations are also looking for community groups and businesses to help by organizing toy drives and collecting personal donations. A toy collection box can be provided upon request. If you are interested, please contact [\(818\) 882-1212](tel:8188821212) or [councilmember.englisher@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.englisher@lacity.org).

Toys for either organization can be dropped off at our Community Service Center. Please indicate which organization you would

like toys to go to at the time of drop off:

**Council District 12  
Community Service Center  
9207 Oakdale Ave.  
Chatsworth**

Drop Offs for LAPD Devonshire Pals are also accepted at:

**PALS Center  
8721 Wilbur Ave.  
Northridge**

**Devonshire Police Station  
10250 Etiwanda Ave.  
Northridge**

*The final day to drop off toys is **Friday, December 16**. The 32nd Annual Toy Drive is on December 17 at 9:00 am. To volunteer at the PALS toy drive and for more information, call (818) 885-6432.*

Drop Offs for the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission are also accepted at:

**San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission, Northridge Location  
8756 Canby Ave.  
Northridge**

*The deadline to donate toys is Tuesday, December, 9th. For more information or to volunteer/conduct a toy drive with the SFV Rescue Mission, call (818) 960-0402 or email [ACocar@erescuemission.org](mailto:ACocar@erescuemission.org).*

## **2016 Granada Hills Holiday Parade...**



The Granada Hills Chamber of Commerce proudly presents the 2016 Granada Hills Holiday Parade. Fit in with this year's theme and wear your "Favorite Ugly Holiday Sweaters & Christmas Ties" as you watch marching bands, performances, and local community organizations dance down Chatsworth Street.

**Sunday, December 4**  
**1:30 pm**

**Presentation of Parade Awards**  
**3:45 pm to 5:00 pm**

**Chatsworth St. Parade Route**  
**Petit St. to Zelzah Ave.**  
**Granada Hills**

For more information about the Granada Hills Holiday Parade, go to [www.granadahillsholidayparade.org](http://www.granadahillsholidayparade.org).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### **Bureau of Sanitation Coming to CD12 Community Service Center...**

We are now taking reservations for community members to meet one-on-one with representatives of City Departments at our Community Service Center in Chatsworth.



We have regularly scheduled time slots for community members to meet with the Planning, Police, Transportation (LADOT), Housing & Community Development, Neighborhood Empowerment Departments and the Bureau of Sanitation. This offers community members an opportunity to get information and assistance in Chatsworth without having to travel all the way downtown. Meetings are by appointment only. The following Departments are currently taking appointments:

**Bureau of Sanitation**  
**Wednesday, December 7**  
**9:00 am to 1:00 pm**

Our Community Service Center is located at 9207 Oakdale Ave., Second Floor, in Chatsworth.

To RSVP and for more information, call [\(818\) 882-1212](tel:8188821212).

### **The 7th Annual Cruise-in and Toy Drive...**



Bob's Big Boy, the Rodfathers, and the Yakety-Yaks Car Club are hosting their 7th Annual Cruise-in and Toy Drive event in support of the US Military who are unable to go home for the holidays. Please bring unwrapped toys, games, and donations for boys and girls in need this holiday season.

**Friday, December 2**  
**4:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

**Bob's Big Boy**  
**8876 Corbin Ave.**  
**Northridge**

*For more information, call (818) 341-6383 or go to [www.rod fathers.com](http://www.rod fathers.com).*

### **San Fernando Valley Historical Society Las Posadas Reenactment...**

For the 16th consecutive year, the San Fernando Valley Historical Society (SfVHS) in cooperation with the City of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Department, presents the Las Posadas Reenactment this holiday season. The historical Andres Pico Adobe landmark will set the stage for Las Posadas: A traditional Mexican Christmas pageant that reenacts Mary and Joseph's search for shelter in Bethlehem before the birth of Jesus. This free community event is open to the general public and complimentary refreshments will be served.



**Saturday, December 3**  
**5:00 pm**

**Andres Pico Adobe Park**  
**10940 Sepulveda Blvd.**  
**Mission Hills**

*For more information, call (818) 365-7810 or go to [www.sfvhs.com](http://www.sfvhs.com).*

### **St. John Baptist De La Salle Holiday Boutique...**



Join the members of St. John Baptist De La Salle during their annual holiday boutique. The boutique will feature over 40 vendors that will sell handmade gifts, jewelry, and holiday décor. The event is free and open to the public.

**Friday, December 2**



**10:00 am to 5:00 pm**

**Saturday, December 3**

**10:00 am to 7:00 pm**

**Sunday, December 4**

**8:30 am to 2:00 pm**

**St. John Baptist De La Salle  
10738 Hayvenhurst Ave  
Granada Hills**

*For more information and to become a vendor, call (818) 363-2270.*

## **Our Lady of Lourdes Christmas Boutique...**

Join Our Lady of Lourdes as they host their annual Christmas Boutique. There will be jewelry, clothes, kitchen goods, food, handmade gifts, and so much more. Bring your cameras and take a picture with Santa.



**Sunday, December 4**

**8:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**Our Lady of Lourdes  
18405 Superior St.  
Northridge**

*For more information, go to [www.ollnr.org](http://www.ollnr.org).*

## **Swing in the Holidays with Swing Dames...**



This Holiday Season, Swing Dames will be joined by host "Rob Pope", showcasing their Holiday Favorites & 40s Big Band sound with the 7-piece Swing Dames Band. Featuring stylish choreography, sophisticated costumes and dynamic vocals that soar higher than Old Glory herself, Swing Dames are sure to leave you excited for the holiday season. Tickets include show entrance and a 3-course meal.

**Monday, December 5**

**7:00 pm**

**Van Nuys Airport - 94th Aero Squadron  
16320 Raymer St  
Van Nuys**

*To buy tickets, go to [www.swingdames.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.swingdames.brownpapertickets.com).*

## Chatsworth Library Book Club...

Find your new favorite book at the Chatsworth Library! Join the Chatsworth Library Book Club as they discuss their newest book, *The Sense of an Ending* by Julian Barnes.



**Wednesday, December 7**  
**1:00 pm**

**Chatsworth Library - Community Room**  
**21052 Devonshire St.**  
**Chatsworth**

*For more information, call (818) 341-4276.*

## San Fernando Valley Youth Chorus Auditions...



San Fernando Valley Youth Chorus is holding auditions for their new Valley A Cappella Choir, *Like, Totally*. Under the musical direction of Mady Rasey, middle and high school students are invited to audition for the Spring 2017 inaugural season.

**Saturday, December 3 &**  
**Saturday, December 10**  
**10:00 am**

**Address Available upon Audition Reservation**  
**West Hills**

*For more information, call 818-895- 7071,  
email [LikeTotallySFV@gmail.com](mailto:LikeTotallySFV@gmail.com) or go to [www.valleyyouthchorus.org](http://www.valleyyouthchorus.org).*

## Chatsworth Handmade Market and Boutique...

Join My Creative Outlet as they host a handmade market and boutique featuring local artists and artisan makers. Stop by their shop and look for them at the Chatsworth Parade.



**Thursday, December 8**  
**1:00 pm to 6:00 pm**

**Friday, December 9**  
**& Saturday, December 10**  
**10:00 am to 7:00 pm**

**Sunday, December 11**

**10:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**My Creative Outlet  
21754 Devonshire St.  
Chatsworth**

*For more information, go to [www.mycreativeoutlet.net](http://www.mycreativeoutlet.net).*

## **San Fernando Valley Chorale 2016 Holiday Songfest...**

San Fernando Valley Chorale proudly presents their 2016 Holiday Songfest: The Wonderful World of Christmas. Director Conrad Immel has planned a thrilling selection of sacred and secular holiday songs that will bring together the Chorale's dedicated singers and musicians to kick off your holiday with verve and style. From classical to boogie woogie, the San Fernando Valley Chorale 2016 Holiday Songfest will be an evening to remember. Vocal and instrumental solos enhance the magic of these live performances. The Chorale is a non-profit, non-sectarian group of men and women singers who share their love of music with the community. Suggested donations for performances are \$10 for Adults and \$5 for children.



**Saturday, December 10  
7:00 pm**

**Chapel of the Cross  
10000 Sepulveda Blvd.  
Mission Hills**

**Sunday, December 11  
5:30 pm**

**Congregational Church of Chatsworth  
20440 Lassen St.  
Chatsworth**

*For more information, call (818) 884-8897 or email [dnconway@icloud.com](mailto:dnconway@icloud.com).*

## **Finish the Ride Holiday Challenge...**





Registration is now open for the Finish The Ride, Run, Walk N' Roll Holiday Challenge 2016. Join Streets Are For Everyone (SAFE) and SoCal Cross for an awesome event for everyone from beginners to hardcore athletes. All proceeds will benefit the Streets Are For Everyone (SAFE) non-profit organization dedicated to preventing traffic fatalities, ending hit and run crimes and helping those who have been affected by traffic collisions.

**Sunday, December 11**  
**6:00 am**

**Woodley Park**  
**6100 Woodley Ave.**  
**Van Nuys**

*For more information, to become a volunteer, and to register, go to [www.FinishTheRide.org](http://www.FinishTheRide.org).*

## **Soroptimist of San Fernando Valley Succulent Sale...**

Shop for your family's holiday tree and greens at the Soroptimist of San Fernando Valley Succulent Sale. All proceeds will fund scholarships for women in our community.



**Sunday, December 11**  
**9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**Tapia Brothers Farm Stand**  
**5251 Havenhurst Ave.**  
**Encino**

*For more information, call (818) 473-5118.*

## **Wilkinson Senior Center 2016 Holiday Bazaar...**



Join the Robert M. Wilkinson Multi-Purpose Senior Center as they host their 2016 Holiday Bazaar. Enjoy local vendors, holiday shopping, decorations, raffle tickets, and refreshments all in one convenient location.

**Wednesday, December 14**  
**10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**Wilkinson Multi-Purpose Senior Center**

**8956 Vanalden Ave.  
Northridge**

*For more information, to become a vendor, and to RSVP, call (818) 885-5144.*

## **Operation Blankets of Love Volunteer Orientation Meeting...**

Operation Blankets of Love is a non-profit animal welfare and emergency relief organization. Volunteers are needed throughout Los Angeles. While Operation Blankets of Love does not work directly with animals, they provide pet aid and comfort items to homeless animals in shelters, rescue groups and pets of the homeless. They are holding a New Volunteer Orientation Meeting that will include an optional 30-minute private, behind-the-scenes shelter tour afterward.



**Sunday, December 18  
11:00 am to 12:00 pm**

**The East Valley Shelter  
14409 Vanowen St.  
Van Nuys**

*For more information and to RSVP, call (818) 402-6586 or email [obol@obol.info](mailto:obol@obol.info). To donate, go to [www.operationblanketsoflove.org](http://www.operationblanketsoflove.org).*

## **Valley Philharmonic Orchestra 2016 Winter Concert...**



Join the Valley Philharmonic Orchestra as they host their 2016 Winter Concert. Led by Conductor Henry Shin, the performance will feature Holiday music, Khachaturian, Strauss, Tchaikovsky, Nutcracker and Beethoven.

**Sunday, December 18**

**11:00 am to 12:00 pm**

**In-Christ Community Church  
19514 Rinaldi St.  
Northridge**

*For more information, call (213) 458-4618, email [jackiek818@juno.com](mailto:jackiek818@juno.com), or go to [www.valleyphil.org](http://www.valleyphil.org).*

## **The CD 12 Pets of the Week...**



This week, our West Valley Animal Shelter Cat of the Week is a 5 year old named "Lulu" (ID #A1659993). Lulu is a gorgeous long-hair Tuxedo Cat with soft fur and bright green eyes. She is friendly, has a loving personality, and will be an excellent choice for any home.

Our West Valley Animal Shelter Dog of the Week spot goes to a spunky little lap dog named "Kisses" (ID #A1661031). Kisses is a 10 year old Long-Hair Chihuahua and Brittany mix. His cheerful, loving, and friendly personality make him an excellent companion that is sure to brighten your day.

*This holiday season give the gift of a forever home to a furry friend. For more information, visit the shelter at 20655 Plummer St., Chatsworth, [\(818\) 756-9325](tel:8187569325). See all the City shelter animals at the [L.A. Animal Services Search-By-Shelter Page](#).*

## STAFF REPORT

### Reports From Our Staff: Holiday Pet Safety Tips...

Our Field Deputy, Millie Jones would like to remind everyone of the importance of keeping your furry friends safe during the holidays.

Ward off an emergency trip to the veterinarian by helping your pets avoid some of these common holiday hazards.

- "People" food, scraps and turkey bones
- Chocolate and other caffeinated products
- Christmas tree decorations ornaments, tinsel, ribbons
- Toxic plants poinsettias, holly, mistletoe
- Holiday lighting
- Keep candles out of your pet's reach

### Holiday Pet Safety Tips



Field Deputy Millie Jones and her cat, Cody.



- Place all potentially hazardous items out of pets' reach
- Keep trash out of reach of pets or outdoor animals

The best gifts to give your pets:

- Collar and Identification tags
- Microchip your pets
- Keep vaccinations up to date
- Spay or neuter your pets

Give your pets plenty of love, cuddles and exercise, even during the busiest of holidays. Keep a close eye on your pets during the holidays and enjoy the season!



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